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You – the most sought-after since Creation
Why have you remained world's most desired yet most elusive,
Defying all propitiations?
Your alluring and stabilizing nature makes you
Commonest agendum in universal dialogues
The urge to achieve you has made man to race to the Moon,
Now goading him to craze to the Sun!

Peace

Where is your abode and
Who is your Custodian?

As kids, we were taught that
Love goes hand-in-hand with you but
As we grew up, it became clear that
You and Love are sheer universal clichés, poles apart because
The love mankind displays is for
Money, power, women, booze, cruise, intolerance and Doom.

Could deceptive globalization, economic enslavement
through aids, human trafficking,
Rape, terrorism, bio-chemical warfare, and others be shows
of true Love?

Can you,
Peace,
Beautiful as you sound,
Say in all sincerity that
You have been an emotionally stable guest of humanity?
With your capacity to raise and dash
Mankind's hope through your game of appearance-and-
disappearance
Aren't you a monster?